



ACTS AND LAWS

MADE and passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesty's English Colony of *CONNECTICUT*, in *NEW-ENGLAND*, in *AMERICA*; holden at *NEW-HAVEN*, in said Colony, on the second Thursday of *October*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, KING of *GREAT-BRITAIN*, &c. *Annoq. Domini, 1773.*

An Act for constituting, regulating, and governing a public Goal or Work-House, in the Copper Mines in *Symsbury*, and for the Punishment of certain atrocious Crimes and Felonies.



*E*t it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the subterraneous Caverns and Buildings in the Copper Mines in *Symsbury*, lately purchased and erected by Order of the General Assembly, with such other Buildings as may hereafter be erected and made in said Caverns, or on the Surface of the Earth, at or near the Mouth of the same, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and made a public Goal and Work-House, for the Use of this Colony, and shall be called and named *New-Gate Prison*, and shall be kept and maintained in good and sufficient Repair, at the Expence of this Colony.

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The subterraneous Caverns in *Symsbury* Mines, to be improved for a Goal and Work-House.

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Persons to govern said Goal or Work-House, how appointed.

That there shall be a Master or Keeper, and Three Overseers of said Goal or Work-House, nominated and appointed from Time to Time, as there may be Occasion, by the General Assembly; and in Case said Master or Keeper shall die, resign, or become unable, by Sickness or otherwise, to exercise said Office, the Overseers for the Time being may appoint another Master thereof; who shall hold and exercise said Office until the next Session of said Assembly.

Persons sent to said Goal by Authority, to be received and kept to Labour.

That the Master or Keeper of said Goal, shall receive into the same all such Persons as shall be sent there by Warrant from lawful Authority, by Virtue of this Act; and shall keep them to such Labour as they shall be capable of, for such Time as they shall be sentenced and ordered to remain therein, and may punish them by putting Fetters and Shackles upon them, and by moderate Whipping, not exceeding Ten Stripes, for any one Offence; which Punishment may be inflicted in Case they be stubborn, disorderly, or idle, and do not well and faithfully perform their Task, as they shall be reasonably stinted and required; or in Case they shall not submit to, and observe such Rules and Orders as shall be from Time to Time made and established, for the well ordering and governing the same.

The Master to render Account of the Earnings of Prisoners.

And said Master or Keeper shall, from Time to Time, on request of the Overseers, render his Account to them of the Wages and Earnings of such Prisoners, or of any Persons hired or employed to Work in said Mines; and pay and deliver to said Overseers the Amount of said Wages and Earnings.

Overseers to provide for the Prisoners.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Overseers of said Goal or Work-House, for the Time being, shall provide for such Prisoners necessary and suitable Food and Cloathing, and also such Tools, Implements, and Materials as shall be proper for employing and keeping such Prisoners to Work; and shall also provide for the Relief of any sick or weak Prisoner; and, if need be, may procure and hire one or more Skilful Miner or Miners, to instruct and assist said Prisoners in their Work, and shall be paid for the same out of the Wages and Earnings of said Prisoners and hired Men, if the same be sufficient, and if not the Surplus shall be paid out of the Colony Treasury.

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And the said Overseers shall keep true and exact Accounts of the Food and Cloathing, Tools, Implements, and Materials they shall furnish for the Use of said Prisoners, and of the Wages of the hired Men aforesaid, and of all Expences for such sick or weak Prisoners, and also of the Wages and Earnings of such Prisoners and hired Men; and shall annually in May, adjust and settle said Accounts with such Auditors as said Assembly shall appoint, and oftner if they shall be thereto required. And said Overseers, for the Time being, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make necessary Rules and Orders, from Time to Time, as they shall find expedient, for the ruling, governing, and punishing such Persons as are committed there; and such Rules and Orders shall be of Force, and shall be duly executed and performed.

Overseers to keep Account of Expences, and annually adjust the same.

To make Rules, &c.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Overseers, and the Master of said Goal and Work-House, for their Care, Labour, and Service, shall be allowed such reasonable Satisfaction and Reward, as said Assembly shall appoint; to be paid out of the Earnings of such Prisoners and hired Men, if sufficient, otherwise out of the Colony Treasury.

Overseers, &c. how rewarded.

And if the Master, or any Overseer or Overseers (for the Time being) of said Goal, shall neglect or refuse to Account as aforesaid, or shall be otherwise negligent in his or their Duty, he or they shall be liable to such Fine or Punishment as the General Assembly shall Order.

Negligent Overseers how punished.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whosoever shall commit Burglary, by breaking up any Dwelling-House or Shop, wherein Goods, Wares, and Merchandize are kept, or shall rob any Person in the Field or Highway; or shall presume to forge, counterfeit, or alter any of the Bills of Credit of this Colony, or of the Bills of Credit of any other of the English Colonies or Provinces on this Continent; or shall utter and put off any such forged, altered, or counterfeit Bill or Bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall counsel, advise, procure, or any ways assist in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, stamping, altering, or signing of any false, forged, and counterfeit Bill or Bills, knowing them to be such; or that shall engrave any Plate, or make any Instrument to be used for

Crimes specified, for the commission of which Defendants shall be committed.

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for any of the Purposes aforesaid; or that shall stamp, or any otherways counterfeit any of the several Sorts of Coin mentioned in an Act of Parliament made and passed in the sixth Year of the Reign of Queen ANNE, entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in her Majesty's Plantations in America*; or any other Species or Sorts of Gold or Silver Coins, currently passing in this Colony; or that shall utter and put off any such counterfeit Coin or Coins, knowing the same to be base, false, and counterfeit; or that shall make any Instrument or Instruments for the counterfeiting any of the Coins aforesaid, or shall be aiding or assisting therein; or that shall be Guilty of feloniously taking and stealing any Horse or Horses in this Colony, and shall be convicted of any, or either of said Crimes, before any County or Superior Court, that shall have Cognizance thereof, such Person or Persons, so offending, shall for the first Offence, suffer Imprisonment in said Goal and Work-House, and there be kept to hard Labour for a Term, not exceeding Ten Years, at the Discretion of the Court before which such Conviction shall be had.

And if any such Person shall commit the like Offence a second Time, and be thereof convicted as aforesaid, he or she shall suffer Imprisonment in said Goal and Work-House, and there be kept to hard Labour as aforesaid, for, and during the Term of his or her natural Life.

Be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons who have been heretofore convicted of any of the aforesaid Crimes, except that of Horse-stealing, and have not received the Punishment or Confinement to which he or they have been; on such Conviction, sentenced, by having escaped, or otherwise avoided the same, without Licence of the Court, or this Assembly, on being or taken in this Colony, shall be by the Superior Court sentenced and sent to said Prison, in the same Manner, and under the same Regulations as Persons who shall be hereafter convicted by Virtue of this Act; there to remain for such Term as said Court shall order and direct.

Provided nevertheless, That any Person convicted of a second Offence of Horse-stealing, may be sentenced to said Prison for a shorter Term than that of his natural Life, according

Second Offence.

Persons who have been convicted of certain Crimes, but escaped from Punishment, (when taken) to be sent to said Goal.

Second Offence of horse-stealing.

Mountebanks suppressed.

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ding to the Direction of the Court, before whom such Conviction is had ; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Person or Persons who shall be Guilty, and convicted of any of the aforesaid Crimes, shall be punished as in this Act is provided, and not otherwise ; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Punishment contained in former Acts for these Crimes repealed—

Provided also, and it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing this Act shall exempt, or be construed to exempt, or discharge any Person or Persons sentenced by this Act, from any pecuniary Penalty, Forfeiture, or Disabilities which such Offender or Offenders are heretofore made liable to, by any of the Laws of this Colony.

but their Penalties, Forfeitures and Disabilities to remain.

An Act for suppressing of Mountebanks.

WHEREAS the Practice of Mountebanks, in dealing out and administering Physick and Medicine, of unknown Composition, indiscriminately to any Persons, whom they can, by fair Words induce to purchase and receive them, without duly consulting, or Opportunity of duly consulting and considering the Nature and Symptoms of the Disorder for which, and the Constitution and Circumstances of the Patient or Receiver, to whom they administer, has a Tendency to injure and destroy the Health, Constitution and Lives of those who receive and use such Medicines.

Preamble.

And whereas the Practice of Mountebanks, in publicly advertising and giving Notice of their Skill and Ability to cure Diseases, and the erecting public Stages and Places from whence to declaim to, and harangue the People on the Vertue and Efficacy of their Medicines ; or to exhibit by Themselves or their Dependants, any Plays, Tricks, Juggling or unprofitable Feats of uncommon Dexterity and Agility of Body, tends to draw together great Numbers of People, to the Corruption of Manners, promoting of Idleness, and the detriment of good Order and Religion, as well as to tempt and ensnare them to purchase such unwholsome and oftentimes dangerous Drugs.

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No Mountebank, &c. publicly to exhibit tricks, &c.

BE it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Mountebank, or Person whatsoever under him, shall exhibit, or cause to be exhibited on any public Stage or Place whatsoever, within this Colony, any Games, Tricks, Plays, Jugling, or Feats of uncommon Dexterity and Agility of Body, tending to no good and useful Purposes, but tending to collect together Numbers of Spectators, and gratify vain or useless Curiosity.

Nor offer Physick for Sale,

Nor shall any Mountebank, or Person whatsoever under him, at or on any such Stage or Place, offer, vend, or otherwise dispose of, or invite any Persons so collected, to purchase or receive any Physick, Drugs or Medicine recommended to be efficacious and useful in various Disorders.

On Penalty of 20*l*.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall be guilty of any Breach of this Act, on Conviction thereof before any Court proper to try the same, every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, for each and every such Offence, for the Use of him who shall sue for, and prosecute the same to Effect, and so toties quoties.

Informing Officers to make Presentment.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of all informing Officers, to make Presentment of all Breaches of this Act; in which Case the Fine shall belong to the Treasury of the County wherein such Conviction is had.

A proviso.

And it is further provided, That if any Servant, or any Minor or Apprentice under Age, shall be guilty of breaking any Paragraph of this Act, on Conviction thereof, his or their Fine or Penalty shall be paid by the Parent, Master or Guardian, under whose Direction the same shall be committed or done; and Execution shall be awarded accordingly.

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An Act in Addition to an Act, entituled, *An Act for preventing and suppressing of Lotteries.*

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no Person shall, after the rising of this Assembly, presume to vend, sell, or offer for Sale, within this Colony, any Ticket or Tickets in any Lottery or Lotteries, that are already, or may hereafter be set up, except such as are, or may be authorized and approved of by the General Assembly of this Colony.

What Lottery Tickets may not be disposed of.

And whoever shall presume to vend, sell, or offer for Sale, any Ticket or Tickets in any Lottery or Lotteries not authorized and approved of by this Assembly, and shall be thereof duly convicted, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings*, for every Ticket sold or offered for Sale; the one Half thereof to him or them that shall prosecute the same to Effect, and the other Half to the Treasury of the Town where the Offence shall be committed.

On Penalty of 40s.

And all informing Officers are directed to make Presentment of the Breaches of this Act.

Presentment how made.

An Act appointing a Brand for Horses in the Town of Cornwall.

IT is ordered and enacted by this Assembly, That the Brand for Horses in the Town of Cornwall, shall be the Letter or Figure following, viz. **C**

Brand for horses in Cornwall.

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